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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

The Alpine County Sheriff's Office is requesting funds to assist with maintaining the current level of public safety and law enforcement efforts in the many OHV recreation areas and public lands located in its jurisdiction. Alpine County has numerous trails and roads located on public lands open to OHV use. Popular areas include the Monitor Pass region, with many miles of dirt and gravel roads, the Blue Lakes area, including the Forestdale Road, and the region south and west of Bear Valley and Lake Alpine. Motorized vehicles are not allowed in the County's two Wilderness areas.

The Alpine County Sheriff's Office patrols, supports, and contributes to well-managed, high quality, and sustainable OHV recreation. The Alpine County Sheriff's Office uses sworn enforcement personnel to police the activity of OHV use within Alpine County. Patrol personnel aggressively enforce all applicable OHV laws, and any other violation of law reported to us, or committed in our presence. Brochures with rules, regulations, and trail maps are distributed as an educational component. Brochures are available at trailheads, staging areas, the Sheriff's Office, or from any Alpine County Deputy Sheriff.

The Alpine County Sheriff's Office employs 8 deputies who are assigned OHV enforcement duties. All Alpine County deputies are certified first-responders. The Alpine County Sheriff's Office is also responsible for Search and Rescue operations in Alpine County. At the present time, OHV patrols are performed in full-size, sport utility patrol units or with two-man units on quads or snowmobiles. Due to staffing constraints, funding to provide for overtime patrols is being sought.

When a patrol Deputy contacts a visitor, motorized or non-motorized, we provide them with information about the area. We are frequently just answering questions, but often times we are giving directions, and giving out maps for additional guidance. Educating visitors about local rules, boundaries, and county ordinances, helps decrease the possibility of resource damage. Users educated as to local hazards or landmarks are less likely to get disoriented and lose their way. This reduces the amount of deaths, injuries, and law violations. The project wants to increase public safety and awareness, while creating a positive image of the OHV community.

The Alpine County Sheriff's Office believes that an educated OHV user is a responsible OHV user. Responsible OHV users are less likely to stray off trails, intentionally damage the environment, or intentionally interfere with other users in the forest. Placing more Deputies in the field will educate more OHV users, resulting in less environmental impact, less calls for service, fewer Search and Rescue missions, less user group conflict, and increased public safety for all user groups.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

Alpine County is the eighth smallest and least populated county in the State of California. Alpine County is a predominantly rural, mountainous area of the Sierra Nevada in central eastern California, located between Lake Tahoe and Yosemite National Park. Portions of the Humboldt-Toiyabe, Stanislaus, and Eldorado National Forests, and the Mokelumne and Carson-Iceberg Wildernesses lie in Alpine County. Alpine County has no incorporated cities, so consequently the Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services to the entire county.

Alpine County consists of approximately 465,000 acres or 739 square miles. Most of the county's population is concentrated in the mountain communities of Markleeville, Woodfords, Bear Valley, and Kirkwood. Alpine County had a population of approximately 1,180 residents in 2006, as estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau. However, according to county documents, Alpine County's population likely increases to as many 10,000 to 20,000 persons people during peak recreational periods. Due the county's small population, its operating budget is the smallest of all California counties. As a result, during peak visitor times, Alpine County's resources can become overextended or exhausted.

The elevation in Alpine county ranges from 4,800 to over 11,400 feet above sea level. The high elevations along the western slope of the Sierras receive significant winter snowfall, and two of the three major highways in Alpine County, Highways 4 and 89, close in the winter for as long as six months, and are only passable by snowmobile. A near record, one

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season snowfall for the continental United States, was recorded just outside Alpine County's boundaries.

The unique geography, low population, and abundance of natural resources in Alpine County have become attractive to the OHV community. Alpine County is widely known for popular OHV trails such the Barney Riley Trail, Deer Valley Trail, Strawberry Pass, Slick Rock Road, Corral Hollow Hill, and its thousands of acres of dispersed camping. Because over 90% of Alpine County has been designated as Wilderness, many riding areas contact the Wilderness boundary. This presents Alpine County with the unique problem of patrolling approximately 205 miles of Wilderness boundary.

Alpine County contains a large proportion of nontaxable federal lands within its boundaries, which limits the revenue available to the County to support law enforcement efforts in and around these lands. Alpine County does receive federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) that help the local Alpine County government offset losses in property taxes. However, due to how the U.S. Department of the Interior calculates PILT payments, Alpine County does not receive commensurate funding when compared to other counties. Colusa County, with a quarter of the number of federal acres as Alpine County, receives a similar amount of PILT funds. The County of San Diego has a similar number of federal land acres as Alpine County, but receives almost 10 times the amount of PILT funds as Alpine County. Since Alpine County receives a lower amount of PILT funds, the County has a greater need to support OHV law enforcement efforts in and around these public lands, through OHMVR grant funding.

Alpine County is home to many cultural resources and environmentally sensitive habitats. The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California has a long history in the Alpine County area, which is estimated to go back 9,000 years. Alpine County contains many Washoe artifacts, such bedrock mortars and areas in Alpine County are considered sacred to the tribe members. Jedediah Smith, John C. Fremont, Kit Carson, Mormon emigrants, and the silver seekers of the 1860s, explored and traveled across Alpine County. Visitors to OHV recreation areas in Alpine County may encounter grazing cattle, abandoned mines, historic pioneer routes, historic sites, and artifacts that are protected by federal law.

Old growth forests have been identified in Eldorado, Stanislaus, and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, in Alpine County. Calflora list 74 native California plants that have rare or special status that live in Alpine County. Furthermore, California Natural Diversity Database records the following endangered animals: the great owl, willow flycatcher, bald eagle, and the following threatened animals: California wolverine, Sierra Nevada red fox, and Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged frog as living in wilderness areas of Alpine County. The federal threatened species of Paiute cutthroat trout and Lahontan cutthroat trout also live in Alpine County. Alpine County has an abundance of rivers, streams, and lakes that need to be protected from OHV access. The protection of these specific fish, wildlife populations, and waters from the potential harmful fluids is of critical importance in the preservation of the Wilderness areas. OHV patrols are critical to ensure compliance to designated trails.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

OHV patrols are established and conducted when appropriate. Due to our unique geography, OHV activity and enforcement patrols are seasonal and weather based. Patrols are conducted during times of high OHV use, such as during peak visitor periods, weekends, and holidays, as well as regular patrols during off-peak times that focus on prevention of OHV violations.

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District is implementing a Winter Recreation Plan, jointly developed with Alpine County, this agency, and other users. The Recreation Plan's purpose is to expand and improve motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities in Alpine County. The plan includes developing two dispersed recreation trailheads, a rest stop, two pullouts, and designating motorized and non-motorized use areas in Alpine County. Additional parking, restroom facilities, RV camping areas, and trailhead information will increase the use and improve the overall recreation experience for all users. OHV users will have expanded access and opportunities at Centerville Flats, Blue Lakes, Highway 4, Forestdale Creek Road, Armstrong Pass, Bear Valley/Deer Valley Connection, Monitor Pass, and additional parking at Highway 88. Consequently, The Alpine County Sheriff's Office is seeing a greater numbers of OHV users in Alpine County and has additional OHV areas to patrol.

Alpine County OHV patrols respond to all calls for service, both emergency and non-emergency, 7 days per week, 24 hours per day. OHV patrol personnel aggressively enforce all California Vehicle Codes related to OHV activity, as well as

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all other violations of law reported to us or observed in our presence. The Alpine County OHV patrol are available to respond to any emergency situation, within Alpine County or when requested from an outside agency. Search and Rescue missions in Alpine County are usually in remote, rural, and rugged areas. Completion of the mission usually involves or requires the use of an OHV.

Wilderness areas and Fish and Game Wildlife Areas will be patrolled on a daily basis, when the area patrolled borders one of these closed areas. Private property will be patrolled on an as needed basis, with current problem areas patrolled on a daily basis, when the patrolled area borders the private property. We have identified certain pieces of private property that are patrolled regularly. The officers assigned to these patrols are in full uniform and on marked machines. Visible uniformed patrols with officers contacting riders who are near these boundaries can be the best way to deter incursions into closed or private property areas.

Contacted riders often have questions regarding best places to ride or other points of interest, and are steered away from boundary areas by officers. During closed area or private property boundary patrols, officers check to assure that boundary postings are intact and compliant with posting standards. Officers adjust and pull up signs buried by deep snow during winter OSV recreation, and assist the U.S. Forest Service with road marker repair. Private property owners that have issues with trespass will be counseled by officers on the proper placement and distance for no trespassing signs, pursuant to PC 602.

Assigned officers carry appropriate brochures for the patrolled area and will disseminate the brochures to the public. Officers take the time at staging areas to brief interested OHV users on trails and local safety concerns. When OHV users are contacted in wilderness or closed areas, they are provided with a brochure during the violation encounter, in an attempt to prevent future violations. Both the Sheriff's Office and assigned patrol officers work closely with the USFS (Humboldt-Toiyabe, Eldorado, and Stanislaus National Forests) and BLM ranger districts. Patrol officers and supervisors from both agencies will coordinate patrol dates in order to maximize coverage of areas bordering wilderness, sensitive habitat, or closed fish and game lands.

The Alpine County Sheriff's Office will make every effort to contact and attend local OHV user club meeting and educate groups that recreate in Alpine County OHV recreation areas. The Alpine County Sheriff's Office has identified effective OHV management as a key factor to increasing public safety, reducing the potential for resource damage, reducing potential user conflicts, and reducing future law enforcement costs. We are actively pursuing this innovative approach to law enforcement, through OHV management.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

The Alpine County Sheriff's Office has identified aggressive enforcement of all OHV activity as being crucial to achieving a successful OHV program. Providing the OHV user with a safe environment can only be achieved by having highly visible enforcement patrols in the field on a regular basis. Currently, 8 Alpine County Sheriff Deputies are required to document patrol of all Sno Parks and OHV opportunities, 2.5 hours per day.

If the Alpine County Sheriff's Office does not continue to receive grant funding, after a short period of time with no visible enforcement, we predict irresponsible OHV use will rapidly increase in all areas. Wilderness trespass violations, which are rare now, will become a regular concern. Wilderness trespass by motorized vehicles (in the summer time) will most likely cause major damage to natural and possibly cultural resources. Private property trespass will also become a regular occurrence.

If OHV use proliferates further and dispersed camping becomes out of control, the lack of public restrooms and facilities will eventually create a public health and safety issue, similar to that of Spider Lake in EI Dorado County. If the conditions above are allowed to continue for a substantial period of time, the possibility of closing the area for management purposes is a great concern. The Alpine County Sheriff's Office does not feel that closing trails is the proper way to manage OHV activity. Closing existing opportunity simply creates more user displacement into already shrinking legal OHV areas.

The well-known and popular Sno Parks at Hope Valley and Lake Alpine are two areas that are identified as important to patrol for public safety. Law enforcement is needed to patrol staging activities and speed enforcement on Blue Lakes Road.

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Forestdale Creek Road is closed to mid-season OSV use, and only opens when insufficient snow exists at the lower elevation, Hope Valley Sno Park. The Alpine County Sheriff's Office assists the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District to enforce this closure. In the summer, law enforcement patrols focus on dispersing illegal camping, extinguishing illegal campfires, dispersing illegal campfire rings, cleaning up trash, and prevention of trail cuttings. In addition, Alpine County has several closed mines that are hazardous and closed to the public, such as the Alpine Mine and Leviathan Mine. Many OHV trails traverse this area, and these areas are important to patrol for public safety.

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- 1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:
 - Alpine County is home to the California Dept. of Fish and Game Wildlife areas at Red Lake, Hope Valley, and Heenan Lake, and the Wilderness areas that support many species of rare or special status plants and animals. There are a growing number of Sno Parks and many miles of OHV trials, as previously mentioned. Alpine County is home to historic archaeological sites, such as Native American ancestral homelands, remnants of mining towns, and emigrant trails. The Alpine County Sheriff's Office is seeking a map of cultural locations from the Washoe tribe. The previous sections of this grant application information explains the many specific areas to be patrolled in detail.
- 2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized offhighway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:
 - To help sustain long term OHV recreation, the Alpine County Sheriff's Office is taking an active role in identifying areas that need to be protected, assisting with placements of barriers, or identification of possible trail re-routes. We believe that good trail management will mitigate most, if not all potential resource issues. Proper trail markers and defining the edges of trails reduces the potential for users straying off trail, causing the proliferation of user created roads. The Alpine County Sheriff's Office supports effective OHV management with aggressive law enforcement and community education. The previous sections of this grant application information explains the Alpine County Sheriff's Office plan to sustain OHV recreation in detail.
- 3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:
 - The Alpine County Sheriff's Office works cooperatively with the California Highway Patrol to enforce California Vehicle Codes in the Sno Park areas. The California Highway patrol also assists the Alpine County Sheriff's Office with investigation of any major OHV accidents that involve serious injury or death. Additionally, Alpine County assists the one California Department of Fish and Game warden assigned to the Alpine County area with the vast area in his jurisdiction. Alpine County deputies also work closely with the U.S. Forest Service to enforce road closures and Wilderness boundary intrusions. To be proactive, Alpine County has established working relationships with Calaveras County, Mono County, and Tuolumne County. We are working together to effectively monitor and manage OHV activity.

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4.	Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? (Please select Yes or No)	С	Yes	•	No
	Explain These types of events have not occurred in Alpine County.				
5.	The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No)	•	Yes	C	No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

OHV law enforcement personnel will attend training at the ATV Safety Training Institute. In addition, all Alpine County law enforcement personnel will be briefed on the purpose of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation grant program, and the specifics of the Alpine County Sheriff's Office project.

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7.	Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR		C No
	Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No)		

8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:

Alpine County has a cooperative agreement in place with the Eldorado, Humboldt-Toiyabe, and Stanislaus National Forests, to enforce all laws on federal lands.

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

The OHV in-lieu tax funds are deposited in the Alpine County General Fund. The Sheriff's Office is allocated approximately one-third of the general fund revenue for operations. Part of the expenditures that are paid from the Sheriff's Office general fund budget include: training and safety equipment for officers doing OHV patrols and enforcement, service, repairs and fuel for OHV equipment and project supervision.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

The Alpine County Sheriff's Office does not manage OHV recreation facilities.

11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of	Yes	C No
Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other		
applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No)		

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Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	Alpine County Sheriff's Office			
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement (FINAL)		PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only):	G09-03-01-L01
PROJECT TYPE :	☐ Acquisition ☐	Development	Education & Safety	Ground Operations
	Law Enforcement	Planning	Restoration	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	The Alpine County Sheriff's Office is reques OHV recreation areas and public lands loca Popular areas include the Monitor Pass regiregion south and west of Bear Valley and Later The Alpine County Sheriff's Office patrols, so Sheriff's Office uses sworn enforcement per applicable OHV laws, and any other violation distributed as an educational component. But Sheriff. The Alpine County Sheriff's Office employs The Alpine County Sheriff's Office is also rein full-size, sport utility patrol units or with two being sought. When a patrol Deputy contacts a visitor, moduestions, but often times we are giving directly ordinances, helps decrease the possional lose their way. This reduces the amount creating a positive image of the OHV comm. The Alpine County Sheriff's Office believes to intentionally damage the environment, or intrusers, resulting in less environmental impacts affety for all user groups.	ated in its jurisdiction. Alpine County ion, with many miles of dirt and gracke Alpine. Motorized vehicles are supports, and contributes to well-marsonnel to police the activity of OHV on of law reported to us, or committ prochures are available at trailheads as deputies who are assigned OHV esponsible for Search and Rescue of the vertical control of the province	y has numerous trails and roads located avel roads, the Blue Lakes area, including not allowed in the County's two Wilderner anaged, high quality, and sustainable Of V use within Alpine County. Patrol personed in our presence. Brochures with rules s, staging areas, the Sheriff's Office, or find the following and the presence of the following areas of the Sheriff's Office, or find the following areas of the Sheriff's Office, or find the following areas of the Sheriff's Office, or find the forest of the following areas of the following areas of the following areas of the following the following the following areas of the following areas of the following	on public lands open to OHV use. g the Forestdale Road, and the ess areas. HV recreation. The Alpine County nnel aggressively enforce all s, regulations, and trail maps are rom any Alpine County Deputy deputies are certified first-responders. ent time, OHV patrols are performed to provide for overtime patrols is . We are frequently just answering out local rules, boundaries, and ks are less likely to get disoriented c safety and awareness, while users are less likely to stray off trails, the field will educate more OHV
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Program Expenses				

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Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010 Agency: Alpine County Sheriff's Office Application: Law Enforcement (FINAL)

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	иом	Grant Request	Match	Total	
1	Staff							
	Law Enforcement Officers Notes: Fund 3 patrol deputies at 25% each from 7/1/10-6/30/11. Cost includes salaries, benefits, workers comp insurance	0.750	99194.000	FTE	74,396.00	0.00	74,396.00	
	Law Enforcement Officers Notes: Overtime available for Deputy Sheriff's to perform OHV patrols	400.000	33.650	HRS	13,460.00	0.00	13,460.00	
	Supervisor Notes: Lieutenant that serves as project director funded by general fund.	0.250	144303.000	FTE	0.00	36,076.00	36,076.00	
	Total for Staff				87,856.00	36,076.00	123,932.00	
2	Contracts							
3	Materials / Supplies							
4	Equipment Use Expenses							
5	Equipment Purchases							
6	Others							
7	Indirect Costs							
Total F	Program Expenses				87,856.00	36,076.00	123,932.00	
TOTAL	DIRECT EXPENSES				87,856.00	36,076.00	123,932.00	
TOTAL	L EXPENDITURES				87,856.00	36,076.00	123,932.00	

Agency: Alpine County Sheriff's Office Application: Law Enforcement (FINAL)

	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative				
DIRECT	DIRECT EXPENSES								
Progra	Program Expenses								
1	Staff	87,856.00	36,076.00	123,932.00	This grant would fund 3 deputy sheriff's salaries, funded at 25% each to perform OHV patrols during their regular shift. The other 75% would be funded by general fund dollars. 25% is the minimum amount of OHV time required per shift for each officer. The rate includes salary, benefits, workers compensation insurance. Overtime funded by this grant would be available to any off-duty deputy for activities directly related to OHV. The main focus of this overtime is for peak usage: holidays and weekends. The Supervisor position is the Lieutenant in charge of managing grants and providing supervision of employees performing grant activities. The cost of the Lieutenant is funded with general fund dollars.				
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00					
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00					
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00					
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00					
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00					
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00					
Total P	rogram Expenses	87,856.00	36,076.00	123,932.00					
TOTAL	DIRECT EXPENSES	87,856.00	36,076.00	123,932.00					

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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ı	TEM 1 and ITEM 2						
	ITEM 1						
a.	ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (Please select Yes or No)	on (NOD) been f	lled for the Project?	С	Yes	•	No
	ITEM 2						
b.	Does the proposed Project include a request document preparation prior to implementing a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 49	the remaining Pr	oject Deliverables (i.e., is it	С	Yes	•	No
I	TEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Se	ection 15378					
C.	ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Proje (Please select Yes or No)	ct" under CEQA	Guidelines Section 15378?	C	Yes	•	No
d.	The Application is requesting funds solely for and ensure public safety. These activities we environment and are thus not a "Project" und	ould not cause ar	ny physical impacts on the	•	Yes	С	No
e.	Other. Explain why proposed activities would a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete		physical impacts on the envir	onm	nent and	are	thus not
i	TEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands	ı					
ı	TEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project	:					
ı	TEM 6 - Soil Impacts						
I	TEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources						
ı	TEM 8 - Hazardous Materials						
	Is the proposed Project Area located on a sit Section 65962.5 of the California Government select Yes or No)		• •	C	Yes	С	No
	If YES, describe the location of the hazard retaken to minimize or avoid the hazards.	elative to the Pro	ect site, the level of hazard a	and	the meas	sure	s to be
ı	TEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to H	istorical or Cul	ural Resources				
	Would the proposed Project have potential for historical or cultural resources? (Please sel	-	Il adverse impacts to	С	Yes	C	No
	Discuss the potential for the proposed Project resources.	ot to have any su	bstantial adverse impacts to	hist	orical or	cult	ural

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